

**ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to BSG polypeptides, polynucleotides encoding the polypeptides, methods for producing the polypeptides, in particular by expressing the  
5 polynucleotides, and agonists and antagonists of the polypeptides. The invention further relates to methods for utilizing such polynucleotides, polypeptides, agonists and antagonists for applications, which relate, in part, to research, diagnostic and clinical arts.

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